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SRI K. KAMALAKANNAN : Sir, what has become of the proposal to bring water from the Krishna and Pennar rivers to augment the water supply in Madras City?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : It is an inter-State matter.

Market

* 194 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Municipal Administration visited recently any market in the City of Madras;

(b) if so, what it is; and

(c) the action, if any, taken?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kothawal Bazaar market

(c) A report on the steps taken to improve the sanitary conditions prevailing in the Kothawal Bazaar area has been called for from the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : ஐயா, இதுபோன்ற திடீர் விஜயம் தொடர்ந்து மற்ற இடங்களிலும் நடத்த உத்தேசமுண்டா ?

கனம் திரு. எஸ். எம். ஏ. மஜீத் : அதைச் சொல்வதற்கில்லை. அப்படிச் சொல்லிவிட்டால், அது திடீர் விஜயமாகாது.

திரு. கே. ராமதாஸ் : அமைச்சர் இதுபோன்று சென்றுவருவதன் காரணமாக ஒரு மாதம் அல்லது சில நாட்கள் அந்த மார்க்கெட்டுகளைச் சுத்தமாக வைத்துக்கொள்ள ஏது ஏற்படும் அல்லவா ?

கனம் திரு. எஸ். எம். ஏ. மஜீத் : ஒரு மாதம் அல்லது ஒரு நாள் என்று அர்த்தமல்ல. நிரந்தரமாகவே நல்லமுறையில் அவை வரவேண்டுமென்பதுதான் அமைச்சர் பார்ப்பதன் கருத்து.

House-tax

* 195 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Corporation of Madras have recently enhanced the house-tax; and

(b) if so, the rate of enhancement and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : (a) & (b) The Corporation of Madras has not enhanced the rates of house-tax for 1962–63. Only quinquennial revision of assessment books was made for the year 1962–63. The rates of house-tax continue to be at the same rates as they were levied during 1961–62.

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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, the news is published in the papers that the Corporation has enhanced the tax on certain properties in the City of Madras even to the extent of one hundred per cent? Is that a fact?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : If there is any grievance against the enhancement of property tax, the parties may appeal to the Commissioner. There are other appeals also provided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that the taxation on houses differs from one locality to another, and it does not conform to the plinth area of the property ?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : I do not have any such information.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Are there any principles laid down by the Government regarding the enhancement of the property tax in the City of Madras and other municipalities?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : A separate question may be put, Sir.

Kilpauk Medical College

* 196 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the Kilpauk Medical College from Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Considerable expansion of the present buildings of the College has to be made to satisfy the requirements of the University of Madras and the Medical Council of India. The College is at present situated in a congested area of the City. In order to facilitate the proper development of the College, it has been decided to shift it to a suitable place outside the City.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What do the Government propose to do with the present buildings?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : They would be utilized for some other purpose.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will it be used for the starting of a college for the indigenous system of medicine or something like that?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : That will be decided after the medical college is shifted.